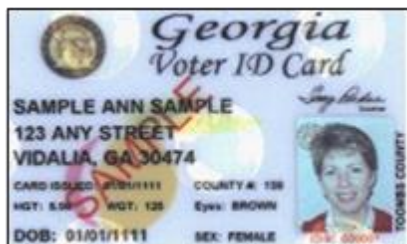


Photo Identification

Georgia law requires registered voters to show photo identification in order to vote in person. When you vote in person, you must show one of the following photo IDs:

- A Georgia driver's license, even if expired
- Any valid state or federal government issued photo ID, including one issued by the Department of Driver Services or your Voter Registrar
- Valid U.S. passport
- Valid employee photo ID from any branch, department, agency, or entity of the U.S. Government, this state, or any county, municipality, board, authority or other entity of this state
- Valid U.S. military photo ID
- Valid tribal photo ID

If you DO NOT have one of these forms of ID, you can receive a FREE Georgia Voter ID card. Just contact your county registrar's office or a Department of Driver Services office. For more information, call 404-656-2871.



Example of a Georgia Voter Identification Card

If you do not have a photo ID listed above, you can still vote by provisional ballot. You have three days after the election to bring the required photo ID to your county registrar's office in order for your provisional ballot to be counted.

If you have to vote a provisional ballot because you don't have one of the forms of Photo ID listed above, you can go to your county voter registration office, get a FREE photo ID and present it within three days after the election and your provisional ballot will be counted.

If you simply forget your Photo ID, and time permits, you can retrieve it, return to the polling place, and vote.

Provisional Ballots

Provisional voting allows you to cast a ballot in person even if all the requirements for doing so cannot be met at the time. The provisional ballot will count if the problem is solved within three days after Election Day.

The three reasons for voting a provisional ballot are:

1. You are unable to show one of the required forms of photo ID when you vote in person;
2. When you first registered to vote in Georgia, you registered by mail, did not provide any identification at that time, and are unable to present acceptable identification the first time you vote in person; or
3. Your name does not appear on the list of registered voters in the precinct.

If you vote a provisional ballot because you did not have acceptable identification, you will have three days from the close of the polls to present acceptable identification to your county registrar office; for your vote to count. If acceptable identification is not provided or you were not eligible to vote in that election, your vote will not be counted, and you will be notified in writing.

Any votes cast by a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct will not be counted unless it is cast after 5:00 P.M. and before the regular time for the closing of the polls on the day of the election. If so, your vote will be counted for all the races for which you are eligible.

In federal elections only, if the polling place is kept open after 7:00 PM because of a court order, anyone arriving after 7:00 PM will vote by provisional ballot. If you are eligible to vote and the order stands, your vote will be counted.

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Voting Basics

Eligibility

You are eligible to vote in Georgia if you are a citizen of the United States; a legal resident of Georgia; at least 18 years old; have not been found to be mentally incompetent by the court; are not serving a sentence for a felony of moral turpitude; are registered to vote; and meet all other state requirements, such as showing an acceptable identification if you choose to vote in person or properly requesting and returning an absentee ballot if you choose to vote by mail.

Voter Registration

You may register any time up to the 5th Monday before election day and vote in that election. Register to vote online at: <https://registertovote.sos.ga.gov/>

You can find the address and phone number of your county elections office on the web at <https://elections.sos.ga.gov/Elections/countyregistrars.do>

If you have moved, you must update your voter registration by submitting a new application.

Online - With your Georgia Driver's License number you can register to vote or make changes to your information on line at www.sos.ga.gov using the online voter registration.

GA Votes App - Download the free GA Votes app from the app store where you can utilize OLVR (Online Voter Registration and MVP (My Voter Page)

Election Day

Polling Location

On Election Day, you must vote at your designated polling place. Your assigned polling place is shown on your voter registration card. You can find your polling location online at www.sos.ga.gov and clicking on MVP– My Voter Page, on your GA Votes app or contact your county registrar's office.

Polling places are open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Election Day. If you are in line at 7:00 PM, you will be allowed to cast your vote.

When you get to your polling place, proceed to the check-in desk. Next, show your photo ID. A poll worker will then check your photo ID, verify that you are registered and at the correct polling location, issue you a voter access card or ballot, whichever is applicable, and allow you to vote.

Voting Machines

Georgia uses ballot marking devices. Municipalities may use other methods of voting in municipal elections. Instructions on how to use voting equipment are posted at each polling location. You may also ask a poll worker to explain the voting method at your polling location.

Voter Assistance

Voting must be readily accessible to disabled and elderly voters. If you need special assistance to vote or to access your polling place, contact your county registrar's office.

Absentee/Advance Voting

You may vote even if you cannot go to the polls on Election Day by voting by mail or in-person during the advance voting period.

Voting By Mail

Voters can request an absentee ballot no earlier than 78 days or less than 11 days prior to an election without providing a reason. To vote by mail, send or bring an absentee ballot application to your county registrar's office that includes the required identifying information for requesting an absentee ballot. You can go online at <http://sos.georgia.gov/elections>, print and complete the application, and return it to your county registrar's office. The county registrar's office will mail your ballot after the application is approved and ballots are available. Your county registrar must receive your absentee ballots by the close of polls on Election Day.

Voting Early in Person

Voters can cast a ballot in-person at their county advance voting location(s) beginning the 4th Monday prior to an election and no later than the second Monday prior to a runoff. Voters are not required to provide a reason for voting early. If you cast your ballot in person, you must present an appropriate photo ID. Please contact your county registrar's office for early voting times and locations in your county.

